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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Toichi CHIKUMA
ELECTROLYSIS METHOD AND APPARATUS
Assignee: TOICHI CHIKUMA
Our Ref. Q65403

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, three (3) sheets of drawings, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Small Entity Declaration.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

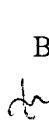
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	10	-	20	=		x	\$9.00	=		\$0.00	
Independent claims	4	-	3	=		x	\$40.00	=		\$40.00	
Base Fee											\$355.00
TOTAL FILING FEE											\$395.00
TOTAL FEE											\$395.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$395.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from July 13, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-212893. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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